

Torrance, California
May 9, 1939

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, May 9, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular

Meeting held April 25, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Reverend W. A. Penner, requesting permission to place signs at various points directing the way to the new location of the Church of the Nazarene, the new location being in the Hammerton Tract district.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be referred to the Police Department for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Lynwood, inviting the City of Torrance to join the City of Lynwood as a joint plaintiff in actions against gas and electric utilities for the recovery of any amounts that may be due the City pursuant to provisions of franchises granted by the County of Los Angeles prior to the incorporation of the City.

Referred to City Attorney McCall for investigation and report at the next meeting.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of \$195.45 from Shell Oil Company under Franchise Ordinance No. 116, 121, 174, 1356 and 1502.

A communication was read from John H. Stroh, recommending that the City of Torrance enter into a five year contract with the City of Los Angeles, whereby the City of Torrance would furnish fire protection to the Shoestring Strip from 213th Street to Plaza del Amo, from Western Avenue to Normandie Avenue for a sum of \$5,000.00 annually.

Referred to the City Attorney for report as to legality at the next meeting.

A communication was read from the Torrance Fire Department, inviting the City Council to attend a meeting of the Harbor District Firemen's Association to be held in the City Hall, Torrance, May 11, 1939 at 8:00 P.M. No action.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of \$1,904.34 from 1/4-cent Gasoline Tax Funds as of April 29, 1939.

Engineer Young reported progress of the job at 190th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, advising it will probably be finished the latter part of this week.

Attorney McCall presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1339

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EX-
ECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES OF REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1339 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell called attention to an error printed in the Torrance Herald a few weeks ago regarding a proposed bond issue of \$190,000.00 for paving of Torrance Boulevard and Cabrillo Avenue. The statements, he said, that the project was being sponsored by the City Council, headed by the Mayor, were erroneous, the matter having never been presented to the City Council. He asked that a public retraction of these statements be made, adding that, although

he is personally in favor of the work, he feels that those who would derive the most benefit from such an improvement should pay for it.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$132.00 be made for 129.10 tons rock for street repair. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$170.26 be made for repairs to the bitumuls machine, which was damaged in the recent fire at the City Yard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$1,616.00, plus sales tax, be made for purchase of a two-ton Dodge truck for use of the Street Department, said truck to replace the one destroyed in the fire at the City Yard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$75.00 be made for an electric turntable at the Civic Auditorium, used for the Public Address System. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Electrician be authorized to sell any excess electrical material not used on the Municipal Ball Park lighting job. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of \$75.00 be made to replace the wooden light poles on the picnic grounds at the City Park with underground conduit. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of \$175.20 be made for two water heaters at the Municipal Park to replace the one now in use and which is inadequate for increasing demands. (Price quoted: \$190.20, with an allowance of \$15.00 for the old heater.) Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication addressed to the Mayor was read from the Federated Brotherhood Association, 405 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, inquiring whether or not the City would be interested in a plan to send high school students to the San Francisco Fair.

Mayor Tolson is to obtain more specific details before contemplating any action.

Clerk Bartlett stated the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had invited the City Council to attend a meeting at 10:00 A.M. May 10, 1939 to discuss apportionment of 1/4-cent Gas Tax Funds. Mayor Tolson volunteered to attend the meeting and offered to take anyone else desiring to go.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$254.00 be made for 12 5/8" x 3/4" Water Meters and 6 1" Water Meters for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$53.16 be made for 48 sets stud and nuts for valve stuffing boxes for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$60.72 be made for repair parts and labor for Venturi Meters at the Pump House of the Water Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Director of Public Safety Stroh inquired whether or not an ordinance had been adopted giving the Police Department authority to arrest persons failing to heed the newly placed boulevard stop signs at the intersection of Carson Street and Cabrillo Avenue. Attorney McCall advised that Resolution 1336 covers this point thoroughly.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Leatherman expressed a desire to establish a boy scout camp in the Palos Verdes and asked what steps should be taken. He said a desirable location had been selected and that it is hoped an attractive and useful camp might eventually be established, to include an administration building and small park.

He was advised to submit a detailed plan of what is desired, together with an estimate of costs.

Manuel Alvarez, Manager of the Torrance Bears Baseball Team, addressed the Council with the view of obtaining the Municipal Ball Park for evening games. Referred to Mr. Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department.

Mr. Alvarez also asked what is hindering plans for improvement of the property in Pueblo chosen for a ball field, which plans were approved several weeks ago. He was advised that the City of Torrance is still awaiting receipt of papers from the landowner, giving permission for same. Clerk Bartlett said that Mr. Nestor, owner of the property, had promised to submit the papers, but as yet had not done so.

Clerk Bartlett was authorized to contact Mr. T.J. Nestor with reference to this matter and to get his decision as to whether or not he wishes the City to proceed with it.

Mr. Pietscke asked that Carson Street beyond Cedar Avenue be improved. Councilman Hitchcock informed him that funds have been appropriated for this purpose and the work will be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Perseke, Councilman of Gardena requested improvement of Arlington Street from Redondo Beach Boulevard to Gardena Boulevard (164th Street). Referred to the Street Department for action.

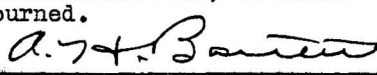
Engineer Young presented an aerial picture of the business district of the City of Torrance, which picture was submitted to him by the Whitehurst Aerial Survey. Prices for obtaining pictures of the entire town were also submitted.

No action.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:35 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, this meeting adjourned.

Approved: 
Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance